

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-19, 21-30, 32-42, 47-55, and 59-59 without prejudice.

Applicant reserves the right to file continuing applications directed to the canceled claims.

Claims 1-7 (Currently Canceled)

Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claims 9-19 (Currently Canceled)

Claim 20 (Canceled)

Claims 21-30 (Currently Canceled)

Claim 31 (Canceled)

Claims 32-39 (Currently Canceled)

Claims 40-42 (Currently Canceled & Previously Added)

Claim 43. (Allowed & Previously Added) A communication apparatus comprising:

means for connecting to a computer network;

means for connecting to a public telephone network;

facsimile reception means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;

returning means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;

first instruction reception means for receiving an instruction generated based on said message returned by said returning means;

second instruction reception means for receiving an instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of the instruction by said first instruction reception means;

conversion means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

processing means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion means in a case where said second instruction reception means receives the instruction; and

transmission means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received by said instruction by one of said first and said second reception means.

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~~44.~~ (Allowed & Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim ¹~~43~~, wherein said returning means return the response message as voice guidance information.

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Claim 4~~5~~. (Allowed & Previously Added) The apparatus according to claim 4~~3~~,
wherein said instruction reception means receives the instruction by a tone signal.

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Claim 4~~6~~. (Allowed, Previously Added & Amended) The apparatus according to claim
3 4~~5~~, wherein the tone signal is a DTMF signal.

Claim 47 (Currently Canceled, Previously Amended & Previously Added)

Claims 48-53 (Currently Canceled & Previously Added)

Claims 54-55 (Currently Canceled, Previously Amended & Previously Added)

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Claim 5~~6~~. (Allowed, Previously Amended & Previously Added) A method for a
communication apparatus comprising:

connecting to a computer network;

connecting to a public telephone network;

receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone
network;

returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via
the public telephone network;

receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;

receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception step;

converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

processing the facsimile image data received by a facsimile reception means without performing the converting by said conversion step in a case where said second instruction reception step receives the instruction; and

transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion step in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception step.

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Claim 57. (Allowed, Previously Amended & Previously Added) A computer program for a communication apparatus comprising:

computer readable program code means for connecting to a computer network;

computer readable program code means for connecting to a public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for receiving facsimile image data from a transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for returning a message in response to a request received from the transmitting source via the public telephone network;

computer readable program code means for receiving first instruction generated based on said message returned by a returning means;

computer readable program code means for receiving second instruction indicating a facsimile communication without reception of said first instruction received by said first instruction reception code means;

computer readable program code means for converting the received facsimile image data into an e-mail data format;

computer readable program code means for processing the facsimile image data received by said facsimile reception code means without performing the converting by said conversion code means in a case where said second instruction reception code means receives the instruction; and

computer readable program code means for transmitting the e-mail data converted by said conversion means in accordance with the instruction received by one of said first and said second instruction reception code means.

Claims 58-59 (Currently Canceled, Previously Amended & Previously Added)